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Subject: San Joaquin County General Public Urban Evacuation Website

As most of you know, County OES has facilitated the development of urban evacuation maps for our urban areas subject to flooding. The maps that would be used by public safety agencies to organize an evacuation are posted on a secure site. However, we have developed a site for the general public to use to obtain the evacuation information that they will need. For this site we have developed a brochure for each evacuation zone showing the map for that zone along with some public safety information. This brochure can be printed by the general public (8.5X11) and is in English and Spanish versions. A full size map for each zone can also be downloaded from the site for homeowners' associations or businesses that may have access to a plotter and desire a full size map to post.

I would like to complement our County GIS section for their work on the maps and on this site.

Also, a complement to Roberto Radrigan who developed the Spanish versions of the brochures.

The address for the site is www.sjmap.org/evacmaps. Note that by clicking on your neighborhood on the county map shown on the site you can bring up a viewer of the evacuation information for people who don't want to download the brochure. On the viewer, if you click on a rally point it will bring up an aerial photo of the site so people can confirm where it is. Please share this information with staff in your organization who need to be aware of this new public information tool. There may still be some glitches or typos on the site that need to be cleaned up so please notify Mike Turn at mturn@sjgov.org of anything you see wrong (mistakes, not suggestions for a complete redesign, future planners can improve on it if they want). Once the site has been fully checked out, we will probably develop a press release in conjunction with the cities to notify the public of the availability of this information. In the meantime, only notify a limited number of officials so we can have people look at the site and identify any problems. For rural areas we are adding evacuation information to the existing flood contingency maps rather than create a separate map as we have with the urban areas. Those maps are posted at www.sjmap.org/oesfcm. Thanks Ron Baldwin SJ OES